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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This amendment is submitted in response to a final office action in the above case dated November 1, 2007 in which the Examiner found that claim 10 was allowable, rejected certain claims as anticipated (35 U.S.C. §102) or obvious (35 U.S.C. §103) over cited art and rejected the claims as indefinite (35 U.S.C. §112, par. 1). Applicants amended the independent claims to conform the claims to the Examiner's proposed interpretation to overcome the Section 112 rejection. Applicants have further incorporated the allowable subject matter of claim 10 into all the independent claims and canceled claims 6, 7, 10, 20, 21, 23, 32, 33, and 35, which were incorporated into the independent claims 1, 15, and 27 as part of incorporating the allowable subject matter into the independent claims. Applicants further amend the Abstract to overcome the Examiner objections.

Applicants request that the Examiner enter these amendments after final because they incorporate the allowable subject matter into the independent claims and place the case in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants submit that all pending claims 1-5, 8, 9, 11-19, 22, 24-31, 34, and 36-39 are in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10.